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## **No Travel Advisory issued for central region of N.D.**

Advisory includes the areas of Jamestown, Minot, Bismarck

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) has issued a **No Travel Advisory** for the central region of North Dakota due to blowing and drifting snow which is causing zero visibility and snow sticking to roadways creating icy and hazardous driving conditions. This advisory includes all highways and surrounding areas in Jamestown, Bismarck and Minot.

A **Travel Alert** has been issued for the western region of North Dakota due to blowing and drifting snow which is also causing hazardous driving conditions with scattered icy and snow covered stretches. The Travel Alert includes all highways and surrounding areas in Dickinson and Williston.

Snow plow operators have been out working to keep the roads open since 5 a.m. The NDDOT will be pulling all snow plows from the highways at approximately 7 p.m. Roadways in both the western and central regions may be reduced to one lane of traffic or may become blocked overnight due to blowing and drifting snow especially near structures and sheltered areas. Motorists are cautioned to be alert to changing conditions. All

Due to the hazardous driving conditions, **traffic is urged to stay home**. The snow plows will be out clearing the highways at 5 a.m. tomorrow.

Please be advised that information on 511 is updated daily from 5 a.m. until 9 p.m. CST. The 511 road report is based upon the information available to the NDDOT at the time of preparation and is provided solely as a public service. Conditions may vary from those reported. travelers are encouraged to monitor road conditions, reduce traffic speeds as weather conditions occur and use caution while traveling. For road information, call 511 from any type of phone or go to the website: [www.511.nd.gov](http://www.511.nd.gov) for road and weather conditions.

**No Travel Advisories - are issued when conditions warrant no travel but not a road closure.** No Travel Advisories have the potential to change to a Road Closure if conditions deteriorate. No Travel Advisories are issued for public safety to encourage

motorists not to venture out onto the roads. Motorists are urged to take No Travel Advisories seriously. Conditions change often during a storm event and motorists may become stranded if they are caught between destinations.

**Travel Alerts - are issued to alert motorists that areas of challenging winter driving conditions may be encountered.** Conditions are such that motorists can still travel; however, they should be aware that rapidly changing conditions may result in travel delays due to reduced speeds and visibility.